

## **VISITING**

**Q. Do inmates have the right to visitation?**

A. Visitation serves an important role in preserving the relationship between inmates and their families and friends. However, visitation is a privilege, not a right, and is subject to rules, regulations, and procedures (Appendix B). Inmates are not assigned to specific facilities for the convenience of visitation.

**Q. How do I get on an inmate's visiting list?**

A. The inmate you would like to visit starts the process by signing a visiting application and sending it to you. You can also get applications on line or from the Visiting Department. After you have returned your application to the visiting office, they will check for, an inmate signature, all appropriate documents and do a background. If the application doesn't include the signature or documents or if you have a criminal history your application may be delayed or denied. If you are approved, your name will be placed on the inmate's visiting list.

**Q. How will I know if I am approved, and when I can visit?**

A. The inmate will be notified, and it is their responsibility to let you know that you have been approved and what time to visit.

**Q. Are children under 18 allowed to visit inmates?**

A. Minor children are only allowed to visit inmates when accompanied by their parent, legal guardian, or the minor's, grandparent or adult sibling possessing a notarized statement from the child's parent or legal guardian. You will need to provide copies of birth certificates and/or adoption documentation and/or court documents establishing legal guardianship, and fill out a Minor Visitation Request Form prior to visitation. Some inmates may not be eligible to have minors on their visiting list. Please get with your inmate to find out if he/she has limitations.

**Q. How much information does the Prison need to do a background check?**

A. The visitor application asks for your full name, previous names or aliases, date of birth, and street address, as well as copies of your Social Security card and driver license or state I.D. number. Depending on your specific circumstances, you may need to send your birth certificate, marriage certificate, or divorce decree to verify your relationship to the inmate.

**Q. How long does the process take?**

A. Usually it takes two to three weeks for approval once the request has been received by the Department of Corrections, however, it may take up to 45 days.

**Q. What can I do if my visit request has been denied?**

A. You can appeal to the Deputy Warden of Security in writing. Once they have reviewed it you will be notified in writing if your application is approved or denied. If your application is denied you can appeal to the Warden, the Warden's decision is final.

Warden

Utah State Prison

P.O. Box 250

Draper, UT 84020

Warden

Central Utah Correctional Facility

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Gunnison, UT 84634

**Q. If I have been on an inmate's visiting list in the past, do I have to reapply?**

A. All first time offenders and Parole Violators are given the opportunity to send visiting request forms to their family and friends while in R&O. Visitors for Parole violators will either need to submit a renewal form (applies only if you've been on the list before and/or it's been less than a year since the inmate was released). If you don't meet that criteria, you will need to resubmit a visiting application with all the appropriate documents. All visiting files are reviewed and updated every year, if the inmate is released and does not return within a year his/her visiting list is cleared. If you have voluntarily taken your name off an inmate's visiting list, you must wait 90 days before you can reapply.

**Q. How do I find out the visiting schedule?**

A. Different facilities have different visiting schedules. Inmates can tell you when you can come out to visit. You may also call the facility where the inmate is housed to verify the schedule. An inmate's classification determines how long they can visit or if he is eligible for visits.

Draper site: Lone Peak – (801) 576-8200, Oquirrh – (801) 576-7178, Timpanogos – (801) 576-7800, Wasatch – (801) 576-7014, Uinta – (801) 576-7300. Web address is [www.corrections.utah.gov](http://www.corrections.utah.gov). Click on "Institutional Safety" then click on "Visiting" to see the schedule online.

Gunnison site: All housing units - (435) 528-6500

**Q. Is there a dress code?**

A. Yes. The complete dress code has been included in Appendix C.

**Q. Will I be searched when I go in to or out of the Prison?**

A. As a condition of entering a secured facility, all staff, visitors, and business contractors coming onto Prison property are subject to a search and inspection of their vehicles and property by officers or canine units. If you do not give consent to a search of your property, you will be denied entry and/or required to leave Prison property.

Officers search vehicles and property to ensure everyone's safety and to look for items that are not allowed into the Prison. Some items such as tobacco and pepper spray, which are not illegal, are considered contraband inside the Prison. Some other items not allowed on Prison property include, but are not limited to, alcohol, explosive items, poisons, weapons, and controlled substances. Any visitor who brings controlled substances onto Prison property and attempts to give them to an inmate may be charged with a felony.

When leaving Prison property, your vehicle may be searched again. An officer will ask

you to open the trunk of your car for a visual inspection.

**Q. What will happen the first time I visit an inmate?**

A. During your first visit you will sign a consent form stating you understand the rules and regulations of the prison and are willing to abide by them. You can view the rules at the visiting section of the Department of Corrections' web site.

**Q. What can I bring to a visit?**

A. Visitors are not permitted to bring items of any kind to inmates. Visitors with infants or small children may bring one transparent bottle and two diapers. The facilities are tobacco free. Visitors are not permitted to bring cigarettes, cigarette lighters, matches, or any tobacco products into the facilities.

When coming on Prison property, you will be asked to provide identification, either a driver license or a State ID card, and to show the identification at several checkpoints while on Prison property. You need to leave your purses and coats in your car. Prior to visiting, you will be asked to walk through a metal detector, which you must pass to visit.

**Q. What are the reasons I would not be able to visit with an inmate?**

A. You will be turned away from visiting for any of the following reasons:

1. You are not an approved visitor
2. You are visiting at the wrong time
3. You are not within dress standards
4. The inmate is locked down
5. The facility is locked down
6. You have violated a rule during a previous visit
7. You have litigation pending
8. You have an extensive criminal history
9. You are a crime partner or victim of the inmate
10. You are a former employee, volunteer, contractor, or student intern
11. You are under the influence of an illegal substance or intoxicated; or
12. The inmate is in the R&O unit.